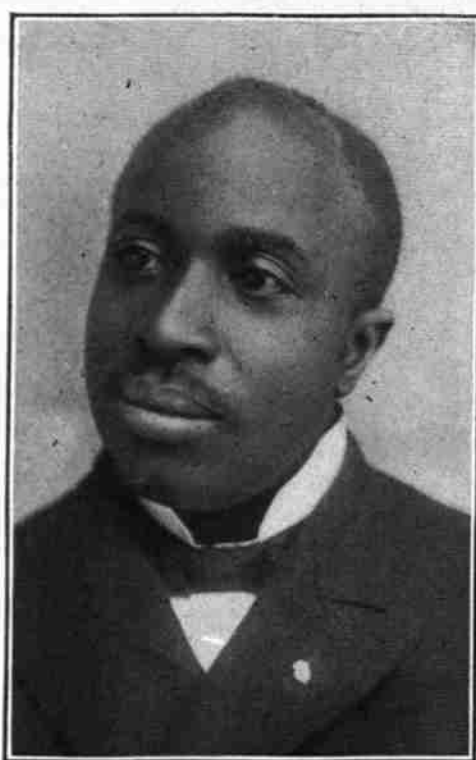


A New Field Invaded

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THE Negro needs to know and better appreciate his ability to help himself. He needs to know how to utilize the various elements of strength about him, and should utilize these elements of strength with which he is surrounded. I am very much interested in this work and have devoted much time to it.



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I meet editors, and white editors especially, and I write editorials for papers. By coming in contact with them I am enabled in this way to reach the white people of the community.

I can get into the papers whatever I wish, only sometimes I say something that they don't care to publish, and they cut that out, but they don't refuse me. I

have been able to reach the white people in this way. The white publications have been a silent force helping us. As the readers read in the daily papers, they have talked among themselves, and the boys and girls hear it, and so the knowledge is spread.

We were able to accommodate last year about seven hundred and twenty-nine students. We have a faculty of twelve. I have had charge of the school for six years. The American Baptist Missionary Society has given us \$500 a year; we have raised \$5,500; and I have procured the rest, and we don't owe a dollar for any expense.

We study the Bible each day and we have our organized work along those lines. I have tried to invade

A Field that Has Not Been Invaded

by a great many schools. We have reached the students outside and inside the school. We secured the services of a tactful and interesting woman to teach the women. She is able to teach many things about home life and to direct in household matters. Many who do not care about the Bible want the training. We



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Founded in 1888 by Peter Howe, of Illinois. Twelve teachers, 729 students in 1908. Theological students, 18. Has a Woman's Bible Training Class of 216. Prof. T. O. Fuller president since 1902. Value of property, \$35,000. A Woman's Dormitory and Industrial Building and a President's Cottage are being erected at a cost of \$20,000. Annual expenses, \$8,000. Students paid \$1,700 in 1907.

have two hundred and sixteen women from twenty-six churches and six denominations. They have systematically studied the Bible, and we see its results in the boys and girls. All the children are taught to be thoughtful, careful, and helpful to their neighbors. In this method of teaching, they are also taught to take what they learn into their homes and to use it in a practical way. They go from the school to their homes and put it into practical use.

We make a special work of teaching wayward children, and by showing them that we are interested in them, we have been able to get them into the Sunday-school in large numbers.